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Dan's story was told and with sympathetic understanding a bargain was made! The debt to be paid by the geologist, the prospect of imprisonment entirely obliterated providing the guide could lead the explorer to the "black stone".

This the brawny Dan could and would do for often he'd seen and wondered about the black layer in the stone ledge.

The sincerity of the engineer convinced the woodsman that now not only freedom and adventure were within reach but best of all a chance to earn his way on a business basis.

Thus began the successful expedition, reliably led by Dan, which resulted in the first mining of Anthracite Coal in Pennsylvania's Lackawanna Valley in the year 1812.

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